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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KHMER CREDENTIALS IN UNGA

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1. OCT 24 ACTING DCM CONVEYED SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO
ACTING CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORATE
OF FOREIGN DEPARTMENT SUDIO GANDARUM, NOTING THAT
AMBASSADOR HAD RECENTLY DISCUSSED FULLY AND MADE MANY
OF THE SAME POINTS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK
AND GENERAL SUMITRO, DEPUTY COMMANDER OF ARMED FORCES.
AFTER EMPHASIZING THAT USG CONTINUED STRONGLY TO SUPPORT
LON NOL GOVERNMENT, PRAISING "FORCEFUL PRESENTATIONS" OF
AMBASSADOR SANI AT UN, AND REVIEWING ALL OF THE UNFOR-
TUNATE IMPLICATIONS OF A PRO-SIHANOUK VOTE NOTED IN REFTEL,
ADCM SAID THAT WE WERE ANXIOUS TO HELP OUR ASIAN FRIENDS
IN THEIR EFFORTS AT UN ON BEHALF OF GCF AND WONDERED HOW
WE COULD BE MOST HELPFUL AT THIS CURRENT STAGE.

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2. GANDARUM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS UPDATING OF
US POSITION, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME
SPECULATION AT WORKING LEVELS OF VARIOUS SOUTHEAST ASIAN
DELEGATIONS THAT USG MIGHT BE WAIVERING IN ITS SUPPORT OF

LON NOL AND CONTEMPLATING OPENING DIALOGUE WITH SIHANOUK.
ADCM INTERRUPTED TO REEMPHASIZE THE SECRETARY KISSINGER
DID NOT INTEND TO RAISE KHMER ISSUE WITH CHINESE NOR TO
MEET WITH SIHANOUK.

3. GANDARUM SAID GOI WILL ALSO MAINTAIN ITS SUPPORT OF GKR. GANDARUM ADDED THAT GOI DOES NOT LIKE SIHANOUK BECAUSE IT FEELS THAT IF HE WERE TO COME TO POWER, HE COULD BRING PRC INFLUENCE WITH HIM TO PHNOM PENH. GANDARUM SAID THAT IF LON NOL GOVERNMENT WERE TO FALL, GOI WOULD PREFER TO SEE KHMER ROUGE IN POWER RATHER THAN SINAHOUK.

4. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTION AS TO WHAT HE THOUGHT USG SHOULD DO, GANDARUM REPLIED THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BACK LON NOL AND KEEP HIS FORCES WELL SUPPLIED WITH AMMUNITION. ADCM SAID THIS WAS IN FACT USG POLICY AND ASKED GANDARUM TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER OF THIS LATEST EXPRESSION OF USG SUPPORT FOR GKR AND TO TRY TO ERADICATE ANY LINGERING IMPRESSION HE MIGHT ENCOUNTER THAT USG MIGHT BE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER A DEAL WITH SIHANOUK. GANDARUM AGREED TO MAKE THESE POINTS TO HIS MINISTER AND THROUGH HIM TO A SENIOR INDONESIAN STANDING COMMITTEE THAT ADVISES PRESIDENT SUHARTO ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS (PANTAP) ON WHICH HE SITS.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION TO USUN INFORMING AMBASSADOR SANI OF THE ABOVE IF IT SHOULD SEE ADVANTAGE IN DOING SO.
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